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## By the numbers

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**2** The Wildcats' advantage over Iowa State in per-game turnover margin in 2012

K-State leads the Big 12 in turnover margin once again this season, taking possession away from opponents 14 times on the season while giving it up three times for a 2.2 per-game split. Iowa State is negative in this important category, giving it to their opponents .2 more times per game than they take it. The Cyclones were +4 in their win over then-No. 15 TCU, but those turnovers aren't likely to come as easy against the Wildcats.

**5** The number of years since K-State last traveled to Ames, Iowa, for a football game

The Wildcats haven't ventured into Cyclone territory since Nov. 3, 2007, where a struggling Iowa State team knocked off a reeling K-State in Ron Prince's second-to-last season at the Wildcat helm. The 2009 and 2010 games were played in Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium and conference restructuring caused a shift in the schedule, bringing Farmageddon to Manhattan last season. The Wildcats haven't won in Ames since 2003.

**5** The average margin of victory in K-State's three wins over Paul Rhoads-led Iowa State teams

Since Rhoads took over the Cyclone program in 2009, his gritty, grind-it-out squads have given the Wildcats all they could ask for and more. None of K-State's three wins have come by more than 7 points. This is the first time Rhoads and the Cyclones host Bill Snyder's Wildcats, and together with Iowa State's win last week over TCU, the occasion should have K-State's full attention.

**15** Both teams come in to the matchup giving up roughly 15 points per game

K-State (15.6 points per game) and Iowa State (15.8 ppg) rank second and third respectively in Big 12 ppg allowed, and both are in the top 20 nationally. Something's gotta give, and the Wildcat offense, averaging 43.6 ppg, should have an advantage against an Iowa State team that only scores 26.8 per game themselves.

**31.4** The percentage of the time Iowa State opponents convert on third downs

The Cyclones are second in the Big 12 behind only TCU at not allowing opponents convert in these situations. K-State is fourth in the conference in converting at 54 percent. In a game that will likely be decided in the trenches, this should be a key factor in deciding the outcome.

**43.6** The points-per-game average for K-State

The Wildcats are 11th in the country with the 43.6 scoring average, including three games of over 50. A lot of this is because of the way the offense has developed the passing game to complement the rushing attack. The special team also has played a huge role in the scoring, giving the offense some outstanding field position. If the Wildcats are able to come close to their average, they will be in great shape.

**265** The number of yards K-State is averaging on the ground this season

The Iowa State defense comes into the game holding opponents to a respectable 115.8 rushing yards per game, but the Cyclones have yet to face an offense as prolific at running the ball as the Wildcats. K-State is red-hot running the ball, coming off a 346-yard performance against Kansas in which they carried the ball only 37 times, good for nearly 10 yards per rush.

## Wildcats to battle Cyclones in Ames



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All season, the talk of the K-State offense has been about the play of Heisman Trophy candidate Collin Klein, and rightfully so. The senior quarterback has made plays with both his arms and feet and is a big reason the Wildcats are ranked No. 6 in the country. When asked about Klein, Iowa State coach Paul Rhoads said he understands the challenge the Cyclones will have.

"Collin Klein is a very big man ... he's a very smart football player, he's a very strong football player," Rhoads said. "You've got a guy that's very patient, he finds a way to have success. He presents a great challenge for our football team."

On the season, the Wildcats have proven able to beat teams by using both the passing game as well as the running game. The Wildcats are at their best when they are able to control the ground game, where the Wildcats rank ninth in the country, averaging 262.8 yards per game.

However, the Cyclones present problems on the defensive side of the ball, touting one of the best linebacking duos in the country with seniors Jake Knott and A.J. Klein. When asked about the Cyclones defense, Klein stressed the importance of matching the Cyclones' intensity each and every play.

"They are a very experienced defense like you said, very disciplined. They know how to execute what they are in and how to make tackles," Klein said. "So it is going to be a challenge. They are going to play extremely hard. We know that and it is going to be a big challenge."

On the season, the Cyclones defense has only given 15.8 points per game, and has proven to make things very tough on the opposing offense. This defense is something that head coach Bill Snyder has come to expect from a Paul Rhoads-coached team.

"Knowing Paul and the approach they take, and seeing the results of it on the field, you see that they work diligently," Snyder said. "I think they play as hard as anybody as you would play against. I think all those intrinsic things are in place. They have the attention of their players and their players have a belief in those values, which I think are similar to those values that we have here, and they have been very responsive."

A key to the game will be how effective the Wildcats are at throwing the ball against an Iowa State secondary that is tied for eighth in the country, with nine interceptions. Last season, in a 37-31 upset over then-No. 2 Oklahoma State, the Cyclones intercepted first round draft pick Brandon Weedon three times.

Just like the Cyclones have not faced an offense quite like the Wildcats, K-State hasn't seen a defense like Iowa State's. They do not have the type of athletes that a defense like the Oklahoma Sooners have, but they are just plain nasty. They are going to make the Wildcats earn every yard and force K-State to beat them up top. Klein though, in last season's matchup, hit Tramaine Thompson for a 68-yard touchdown, the longest completion of his career.

As he has shown all season, Klein has become a much better passer, capable of beating teams with his arm when teams force him to, and fans can expect to see that on Saturday.

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TOP: Senior quarterback Collin Klein drops back to pass against KU on Saturday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Klein completed half of his passes for 129 yards and two touchdowns and averaged 11.6 yards a rush in the 56-16 win against the Jayhawks.

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LEFT: John Hubert, junior running back, runs through a hole in the defense for a Wildcat touchdown against KU on Saturday in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Hubert put up four touchdowns against the Jayhawks.



## Klein says Cyclones defense 'knows how to execute'

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Having to play against low expectations and poor odds is something that Iowa State has faced on a yearly basis. In fact, the Cyclones and the Wildcats are very similar in that regard.

Iowa State head coach Paul Rhoads faced a tall task when he took over the Cyclone program, and building consistency has been a bit of a struggle through his first three and a half seasons.

Standing at 4-1 through the first six weeks of the season, Iowa State has positioned itself well to win six or more games for the third time in Rhoads' tenure.

As the two teams played at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., in 2009 and 2010, and matched up in Bill Snyder Family Stadium in 2008 and 2011, the Wildcats will be visiting Ames for the first time since 2007.

Ease is not a word and that comes to mind on trips to Ames, Iowa, and the current success starts with Cyclone quarterback Jared Barnett.

The redshirt sophomore is coming off a strong performance against then-No. 15 TCU, completing 12 of 21 passes for 183 yards.

With Barnett taking the majority of the snaps last week against TCU, expect to see him at the helm of the Cyclones' offense on Saturday.

Barnett was quarterback when Iowa State visited Manhattan last December and K-State head coach Bill Snyder came away impressed.

"He started and played the ball game against us last year and did a nice job," Snyder said. "He scrambled a couple of times and brought the ball down and really hurt us. He is a good young quarterback."



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Linebacker Jake Knott, along with defensive end Rony Nelson, take down Texas A&M's former starting quarterback Ryan Tannehill on Oct. 22, 2011 in Ames, Iowa. Knott had a total of three tackles throughout the game, and the Cyclones fell to the Aggies with a score of 33-17.

He understands the game well. He has a good mentality for it. He is a dual-type guy and can do both of those things. They run that kind of offense that allows him the opportunity to run the football."

In the backfield, junior running backs James White and Shontrell Johnson will provide a fast and strong combination that gives the Cyclones plenty of offensive options.

Senior wide receiver Josh Lenz has been the top target of Cyclone

quarterbacks and also added a passing touchdown last week in the Cyclones' 37-23 victory over TCU.

Linebackers Jake Knott and A.J. Klein anchor a Cyclone defense that has built itself into one of the strongest in the conference.

The senior starters both rank in the top eight in the conference with 44 and 41 tackles respectively.

Iowa State ranks third in the Big 12 Conference in team defense, only giving up an average of 15.8 points per game.

With a fourth-ranked rush defense and a fifth-ranked pass defense, K-State's senior quarterback Collin Klein says there are plenty of challenges ahead against the Cyclones.

"They are a very experienced defense like you said, very disciplined," Klein said. "They know how to execute what they are in, and how to make tackles. So it is going to be a challenge. They are going to play extremely hard. We know that and it is going to be a big challenge."



# MATCHING UP



## Iowa State rush offense vs. K-State rush defense

Cyclone running backs James White and Shontrelle Johnson have been splitting most of the Iowa State carries this season. The Cyclone offense, under first-year offensive coordinator Courtney Messingham, has generally been a conservative, run-first affair, mixing the power game with some option looks. Iowa State runs the ball a lot, nearly equaling K-State at 40 attempts per game, but they don't gain much yardage. The Cyclones only average 3.97 yards per rush, the second worst mark in the Big 12. They did, however, manage 152 yards at 4.3 yards per carry last week at TCU, who has the Big 12's second-best rushing defense. The yards look to be even tougher to come by against K-State, whose defensive-line play and speed at the linebacker positions has been giving opponents fits all season. The Wildcats are third in the Big 12, giving up only 109 rushing yards per game to the tune of 3.2 yards per carry. The Cyclones have seen their share of tough run defenses this season in Texas Tech and TCU. The trend will continue when the Wildcats travel to Ames.

ADVANTAGE: K-STATE



## K-State pass offense vs. Iowa State pass defense

It's unlikely that the Wildcats will put up eye-popping yardage numbers against Iowa State's credible pass defense. K-State just doesn't pass enough. That doesn't mean that the Wildcats won't provide a few fireworks in the passing game. While they are dead last in passing yards per game at 178.4, Collin Klein and the Wildcat receivers make it count when they do hook up. K-State is second in the Big 12 Conference, averaging 9.5 yards per attempt, and with an Iowa State defense sucked in to stop the run opportunities, big strikes should present themselves. The Cyclones do present some problems, allowing opponents just a 54 percent completion rate, and are second in the Big 12 with nine interceptions this year. They picked off then No. 15 TCU three times in their 37-23 win in Fort Worth, Texas last Saturday. That said, K-State is one of the best in the country at not turning the ball over, having thrown just two interceptions this season.

ADVANTAGE: K-STATE



## Iowa State pass offense vs. K-State pass defense

Iowa State has a few problems. First, they throw too many interceptions with nine, the most in the Big 12. Second, they get sacked too often — their nine sacks allowed bests only Kansas in this season's Big 12 charts. To add to the situation they are experiencing a quarterback change. Senior Steele Jantz was benched for sophomore Jared Barnett in the first quarter of the Cyclones' home loss to Texas Tech two weeks ago and the sophomore has been taking the majority of snaps since. None of the above bodes well against a veteran Wildcats secondary. K-State hasn't been a world beater, giving up 254 passing yards per game, but they have clamped down in the red zone, allowing only four passing touchdowns on the year. The Wildcat pass rush has been good, posting 13 sacks on the season and rattling multiple opposing quarterbacks including Oklahoma's Landry Jones.

ADVANTAGE: K-STATE



## K-State rush offense vs. Iowa State rush defense

The Cyclones make their bread and butter in the trenches. They slow the game down and keep scores low by running the ball and stopping the run, but they haven't faced a rush offense as powerful as K-State's attack led by Klein and running back John Hubert. The Cyclones are commendable against the run, giving up only 115.8 rushing yards per game and 3.35 yards per carry this season, but their only two Big 12 games have been against lower-tier running teams in Texas Tech and TCU. The Wildcats are a whole different animal, coming into the game averaging 264.8 rushing yards per game and leading the Big 12 with 19 rushing touchdowns. It will be strength against strength, but the Cyclones will be hard-pressed to contain K-State's multi-pronged attack.

ADVANTAGE: K-STATE



## Special teams

K-State may have the best return unit in the country. Both Tyler Lockett and Tramaine Thompson have brought back returns for scores this season. The Wildcats lead the Big 12 by a wide margin, with their 36-yard average in punt returns, and are second in kickoff returns at 28.6. Iowa State is the second worst in the Big 12, giving up almost 25 yards per kick return and are middle of the pack in punt coverage. Wildcat punter Ryan Doerr has shown a propensity for pinning opponents deep in their own territory with six punts inside the opponents' 20-yard line. K-State has yet to allow a single punt-return yard in 10 tries this season. Anthony Cantele's five of six success rate on field goals is comparable to Iowa State kicker Edwin Arceo's four of six.

ADVANTAGE: K-STATE



On paper, K-State looks to be at a clear advantage, but the results of the last few games between these two teams have been far from dominating Wildcat wins. This year, K-State must travel to Ames to play the Cyclones in their own back yard. Look for the Cyclones to keep it close early before K-State pulls away with a 31-17 win.

# FINAL SCORE PREDICTION: 31-17

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# Heisman watch: Manti Te'o top defensive candiate

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After the sixth week of the season, the Heisman race has not changed much, and it is still clear who the top three candidates are.

After another stellar week, West Virginia's senior quarterback Geno Smith is still leaps and bounds ahead of the competition. The Mountaineers' first real Big 12 Conference test came last week against then-No. 11 University of Texas in Austin. Smith continued to pile up the stats by completing 71 percent of his passes for 268 yards and four touchdowns.

Through five games, Smith has the Mountaineers ranked No. 5 in the nation and tied for first place in the Big 12 Conference. Without having thrown an interception this year, Smith has completed 81.4 percent of his passes for 1,996 yards and 24 touchdowns. Next up, Smith will have to lead the Mountaineers into Lubbock, Texas against Texas Tech University (4-1, 1-1).

In three of the last five years, a sophomore has won the Heisman Trophy. This year, Ohio State's quarterback Braxton Miller could find himself among these sophomore trophy winners. No. 8 Ohio State is currently 6-0, including two top-25 wins against Big Ten Conference teams Michigan State and Nebraska. Miller has made it clear that he is one of the best, if not the best, dual-threat quarterback in college football. With 1,060 passing yards and nine touchdowns through the air to go along with 763 rushing yards and eight rushing touchdowns, Miller is taking care of business.

Dual-threat quarterbacks are attractive in the eyes of voters. Their ability to make passes or make a play with their feet when plays break down make them both exciting to watch and easy to vote for. Similar to Miller, K-State's senior quarterback Collin Klein has proven to be in the argument for the top dual-threat quarterback in the nation.

The No. 6 Wildcats have started the season 5-0 for the second year in a row under Klein. With seven passing and seven running touchdowns this season, Klein has carried much of the scoring load for K-State so far. However, Miller has 241 combined passing and running attempts compared to Klein's 167.

There has only been one primarily defensive player to ever win the Heisman Trophy, but this year Notre Dame's senior linebacker Manti Te'o is putting himself in the position to become the second. Te'o has been the focal point of the Fighting Irish's dominating defense so far this season, a defense that has only allowed an average of 7.8 points a game. With opponents such as No. 13 Oklahoma and No. 11 Southern California left on the schedule, Te'o has the chance to make a major case for himself by the end of the year.

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Manti Te'o, linebacker for Notre Dame, watches intently during the Fighting Irish's game against Michigan State on Sept. 15 in Lansing, Mich. Te'o, whose grandmother and girlfriend both passed away two days before the game, made 12 tackles during Notre Dame's 20-3 win. Over the course of five games, Te'o has made a total of 48 tackles and three interceptions.

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# Wildcats defense empasizes turnovers, awareness

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K-State's defense is much improved from last season, but head coach Bill Snyder said they still have a long way to go.

The defense has forced double-digit turnovers in five games to boost the Wildcats to No. 1 in the Big 12 Conference in turnover margin (+10).

Senior cornerback Nigel Malone, who has two interceptions this season, said the defense's improvements begin with practice and communication.

"During practice, we kind of make an emphasis on getting the ball out. We are more aware around the ball, forcing fumbles, and after a while the interceptions will come too," Malone said. "We are just communicating. I think everyone is just more attentive overall when we are out there playing, being aware is also something we work on in practice."

The Wildcats have also shown an improvement in putting pressure on the opposing quarterback. The defense has racked up 14 sacks this season to put them inside the NCAA's top-30 defenses in that regard.

"We're a work in progress, I think, still. I don't think that we've gotten to where we need to be and I think the numbers may be a little misleading in that respect," Snyder said. "I am pleased that we have made the progress that we have. Hopefully that is on a continual uprise. Still, we're a long ways away."

The Wildcats have the test of facing Iowa State, a team coming off an unwelcoming win against Big 12 newcomer TCU, and facing an unfamiliar environment as well.

The last time the Cyclones hosted the Wildcats in Ames at Jack Trice Stadium was in 2007.

Snyder said he has no way of knowing how the new environment will affect his players, but he hopes they can focus on what is important.

"We'll find out. Ask me next Tuesday," Snyder said. "As we've said so many times, it's keeping it all between the white lines, and if you do that it all looks alike no matter where you happen to be. Grass is grass."

Cyclones redshirt sophomore quarterback Jared Barnett and senior wide receiver Josh Lenz played crucial roles in taking down the Horned Frogs in a 37-23 win last Saturday.

Barnett, in his first start of the season, threw three touchdowns to Lenz who ended the game with 183 yards receiving and a passing touchdown of his own.

"I don't know how you stop him. I know how we'll attempt to," Snyder said of Lenz. "He's got excellent hands. He runs very distinctive and good routes. He's a good leader on his football team as well."

Snyder's defense is not unfamiliar with Barnett or Lenz, however. Barnett started for the Cyclones against the Wildcats last season, completing 15 of 27 passes for 157 yards and one touchdown and an interception in a cold and rainy game.



Jarard Milo, senior defensive back, takes down Tony Pierson, KU sophomore halfback, over junior defensive back Ty Zimmerman during the Wildcats' game against the Kansas Jayhawks in Bill Snyder Family Stadium last Saturday for the Sunflower Showdown.

"He started and played the ball game against us last year and did a nice job. He scrambled a couple times and brought the ball down and really hurt us," Snyder said of Barnett. "He is a good, young quarterback. He under-

stands the game well. He has a good mentality for it. He is a dual-type guy and can do both of those things."

The Cyclones have been prone to turnovers this season with 13 total. Former starting quarterback Steele

Jantz, however, accounts for the majority of the turnovers with his seven interceptions.

Snyder said the Wildcats shouldn't count on the Cyclones turning the ball over because of their change at quar-

terback.

"If you watch them play you don't see, other than the interceptions that the other young quarterback threw, much in the way of turnovers," Snyder said.

## Through the lens: the Cyclones' side of the game



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Andrew Logue of the Des Moines Register talked with the Collegian by phone Wednesday.

Mark Kern  
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After a huge win over TCU, the Iowa State Cyclones will look for another victory over K-State on Saturday. Andrew Logue of The Des Moines Register broke down Saturday's matchup in a phone interview with the Collegian on Wednesday.

**Q.** How does Jared Barnett change the offense now that he is the starting quarterback?

**A.** "The No. 1 thing is the rapport he has with his team. There was a situation last week, when an obvious run was called, that Josh Lenz motioned for him to audible to a quick slant. He did, and it was a huge play. It is just little things with him that the coaches really like. He is not flashy, and doesn't open up the big plays like [Steele] Jantz does, but he just makes plays and continues to plug along."

**Q.** Since he is the starter again, do you think it is officially his job?

**A.** "I think it has to be his job. You don't want a quarterback carousel this late into the season. As I said before, his coaches love the decision making and the trust he has with all of his teammates. For whatever reason, he does a great job of rallying his teammates and they know he is going to give it his all and keep them in the game. With the defense, his job is to just keep the team in the game and not make mistakes."

**Q.** With last weekend's upset over TCU, has the team's confidence changed?

**A.** "To me, their confidence hasn't wavered. They started out the season with the three wins before the loss to Texas Tech. They knew against Tech they squandered opportunities that could have put them up two possessions going into the half. The turnovers, which is what ultimately led Jantz to the bench, was something they could not

have happen to them. This team has a personality about them to where even if they think they are down, they are confident they will make the necessary play to get right back in the game."

**Q.** With the success of Collin Klein and John Hubert, will Iowa State bring an extra person in the box?

**A.** "Iowa State did that last season and Klein showed he can throw deep by hitting [Tramaine] Thompson in the first quarter. With both Iowa State and K-State, you know what you are going to get with these two teams. They are not going to change their game in a different matchup, they are going to play their game no matter what. When you bring people up to worry about Klein, it seems like [John] Hubert just becomes wide open and gashes the defense for big yards."

**Q.** As you said, these two teams are very consistent. Is it safe to say that the two teams are mirror images of each other?

**A.** "I think that K-State is what Iowa State wants to be. They do such a good job of not beating themselves, and Iowa State is striving to be like that. Putting Barnett in, who has shown to make better decisions, goes a long way to allow them to stay in the game. Both teams are very fundamentally sound, especially on defense, and you have to earn everything you get."

**Q.** For Iowa State to pull the upset, what is the key thing they must do?

**A.** "They have to establish the running game. Even though they had some big plays in their passing game, it was opened because of the run. One of the best ways to stop such a great player like Collin Klein is to keep him on the sideline and limit his possessions. Also, as in every game, turnovers will play a huge role, especially with how well K-State does in the turnover margin."

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# Games to watch: Not exactly a week for upsets

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## SOUTH CAROLINA AT LSU

Last week, the Gamecocks took on the Georgia Bulldogs, taking a chance to prove to the country they are a title contender. That is exactly what they did in an incredible performance led by sophomore defensive end Jadeveon Clowney. Clowney leads a front four that can get after the quarterback with the best of them, something LSU junior quarterback Zach Mettenberger struggled mightily against when the Florida Gators pressured him in LSU's 14-6 loss last weekend.

The LSU offense could not get anything going as Florida loaded up the box and dared Mettenberger to throw the ball. There is no doubt the South Carolina coaches will key in on this and will come after Mettenberger with an even better defensive line at their disposal. The vaunted defense, combined with the high-powered offense, makes the Gamecocks true national title contenders.

Junior Marcus Lattimore may be the

best running back in the country. What makes him so good is his will to not be taken down. On 116 carries this season, he has only been tackled behind the line of scrimmage five times, which is a fantastic statistic. He demands defenses to put the extra defender in the box, which is when junior speedster Ace Sanders is at his best.

His ability to team up with quarterback Connor Shaw makes this one of the most complete teams in the country.

Even though they did not look great last week, this is still a monster game for LSU. They could play themselves right back into national title contention with a win, and with their defense and home crowd, will have a decent shot.

Unfortunately, South Carolina appears to be on another level this season, and the LSU offense just won't be able to do much of anything against the Gamecocks' physical defense. Look for the Gamecocks to win a hard-fought low-scoring affair.



## TEXAS AT OKLAHOMA

The Old Red River Rivalry is always one of the must watched games of the season, but this year it is for different reasons. Expected to be the top contenders in the Big 12 Conference, both Texas and Oklahoma have already lost a home conference game, making the stakes on this game much higher.

After struggling mightily in the Sooners 24-19 loss to K-State, senior quarterback Landry Jones responded with a great game as Oklahoma throttled Texas Tech last Saturday. Jones was much more composed and poised in the pocket, and made all the throws he needed to. However, the Texas Tech defense in not anywhere close to the Texas defense, whose front four rivals that of the aforementioned South Carolina Gamecocks.

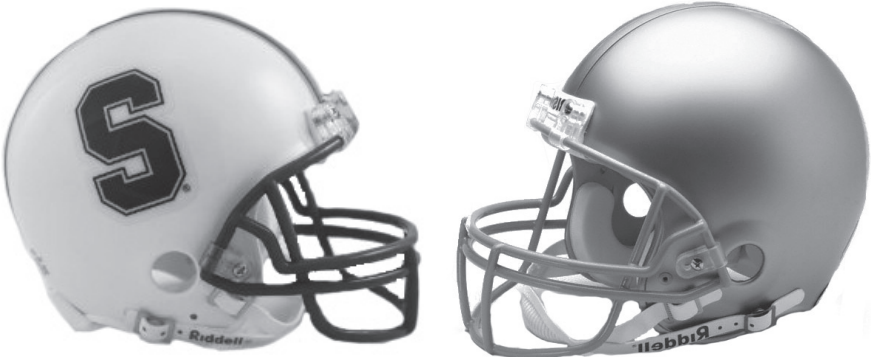
Junior Jackson Jeffcoat and senior Alex Okafor can cause all kinds of havoc on a quarterback. They were able to force top Heisman candidate Geno Smith into two huge fumbles that helped them stay in the game.

It is no secret, as K-State found out, that if you are able to get pressure on Jones, he will put the ball up in the air. However, the key to the game may be the Longhorns offense, with a much-improved sophomore quarterback David Ash.

Texas went punch-for-punch with West Virginia last week before falling 48-45. On the season, Ash has thrown 11 touchdowns to only one interception. He has shown the ability to make the big plays for his team, and will be counted upon against a very tough Oklahoma defense.

It is pretty clear that this is very likely an elimination game for the Big 12 title. With K-State and West Virginia playing so well, it is unlikely that either of those teams losing two games.

With that, this game should be a thriller. In the end, look for Texas to apply enough pressure on Jones to force him to make a big mistake, and for Texas to stay in the conference title talk with a close victory.



## STANFORD AT NOTRE DAME

At the beginning of the season, this was not expected to be a big game. The Cardinal lost quarterback Andrew Luck to the NFL draft, and Notre Dame was still being wondered if they were ready to take their game to the next level. Both teams have shown that they are worthy contenders for a BCS Bowl.

For the Cardinal, their offense runs through star senior running back Stepfan Taylor. On the season, Taylor is averaging 111 yards a game and has five touchdowns on the season, despite teams loading the box. Taylor is a tough runner that will fight for the extra yards, but has the speed to run away from people at the second level. However, the play of senior quarterback Josh Nunes, especially in last week's comeback victory over Arizona, is making the offense even more formidable.

Nunes threw for 360 yards and two touchdowns, and helped the Cardinal rally from a double-digit fourth quarter deficit to win 54-48 in overtime against the Wildcats. His continued improvement is key against a

Fighting Irish defense that has been recently been tough to score on.

In Notre Dame's past three games they have given up a total of 12 points, and have only given up an average of 7.8 points per game on the season. The leader of this stingy defense is senior linebacker Manti Te'o.

Te'o has snuck into the Heisman talks after a fast start to the season that includes 46 tackles and three interceptions. Standing at 6-feet-2-inches and 255 pounds, Te'o is able to run sideline-to-sideline much like Arthur Brown, making it nearly impossible for running backs to get to the outside.

The matchup between Te'o and Taylor is the most intriguing of this game. Taylor has the ability to run with power and speed, and Te'o will be the guy on Taylor for the whole game.

Another close game, but Notre Dame stays in the title race behind a strong defensive performance and just enough offense from their offense.



## TEXAS A&M AT LOUISIANA TECH

In the preseason, this matchup was not expected to be a top-25 game, but the No. 23 Bulldogs have gotten off to an undefeated start and have an opportunity to show the country just how good they are on national television. That will not be an easy task against a No. 22 Aggie team that is really clicking behind freshman quarterback Johnny Manziel.

On the season, Manziel has completed 69.3 percent of his passes for 1,285 yards and 11 touchdowns, and has helped the Aggies move on without first round draft pick Ryan Tannehill.

In his last game, his worst as a quarterback, he was able to overcome a tough night to lead the Aggies to a come-from-behind victory over Ole Miss. He will need to be on top of his game,

as he may not get a lot of opportunities on the field with the way Louisiana Tech runs the ball.

The Bulldogs are 14th in the country for overall rushing yards, averaging over 232 a game, behind a dynamic duo of senior Ray Holley and freshman Kenneth Dixon. Dixon, filling in for the injured Tevin King, went for 102 yards and four touchdowns last week in a 58-31 win over UNLV. The Bulldogs must rush the ball successfully to have a chance against the explosive Texas A&M offense.

Look for Louisiana Tech to come out fired up in this game in front of a home crowd and on national television. They may even lead for a portion of the game, but in the end, Manziel and the Aggies offense will be too much.



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# Brown, Lockett, Klein named mid-season All Americans for outstanding play



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It's halfway through the college football season, and this is the time when players are starting to show the rest of the country how good they are. Three Wildcats have been named mid-season All Americans by sportswriter and analyst Phil Steele. Those three players are Collin Klein, Tyler Lockett and Arthur Brown.

**Arthur Brown — linebacker, first team**  
The unquestioned heart-and-soul of the defense, Brown has made his presence felt all over the field. He currently leads the team with 41 tackles, which also ranks fourth in the Big 12 Conference. He teams up with Justin Tuggle, Jarell Childs and Tre Walker to form one of the best linebacking groups in the country. His play is being noticed by the rest of the country, as he is also a candidate for the 2012 Bednarik, Butkus, Walter Camp, Lombardi and Nagurski awards.

**Tyler Lockett — returner, second team**  
After a great freshman season was cut short due to injury, Lockett has come back more determined than ever. Besides being a great receiver, Lockett is a game-changer with his kick return ability. Through the first six weeks, he ranks third nationally with a 35.0 average this year. He is a threat every time he touches the ball, and along with Tramaine Thompson, has forced the opposing teams to kick away from him and give up favorable field position for the Wildcats.

He currently ranks third nationally among active players with three kickoff returns for touchdowns.

**Collin Klein — quarterback, third team**  
Coming off one of the best seasons in school history for a quarterback, Klein has continued his success in helping the Wildcats get off to a 5-0 start. On the season, Klein has thrown for 887 yards and seven touchdowns while also rushing for 405 yards and seven more scores so far in 2012. His improvement in the passing game has made the K-State offense even more dangerous. The Wildcats are averaging 43.6 points per game, which is good for 11th in the country. Klein has also become a top Heisman candidate, with ESPN's Todd McShay picking him as his No. 1 candidate right now. While these three have been absolutely terrific, there are other Wildcats who could see their names up for some awards. Look for players such as running back John Hubert, punter Ryan Doerr and kicker Anthony Cantele to get mentioned for awards at their respective positions.

Adam Davis, senior defensive end, grabs on to James Sims of the Kansas Jayhawks while senior linebacker Arthur Brown comes in for a big hit to take him down on Oct. 6. at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The Wildcats went on to win the game, 56-16.

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## ‘NCAA Football 13’: K-State throttles Iowa State 67-33 in game simulation

Nick Davis  
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This is week three of the Wildcats' Big 12 Conference video game simulation series. This week, the No. 6 K-State Wildcats travel to Ames, Iowa, to take on the No. 25 Iowa State Cyclones. Let's see how this week's matchup pans out according to our "NCAA Football 13" video game simulation.

### 1st Quarter

K-State starts off the game by sacking Iowa State quarterback Jared Barnett twice, forcing the Cyclones into a first possession three and out. The Wildcats quickly take advantage on their first offensive

possession with a touchdown pass from quarterback Collin Klein to Tramaine Thompson for 36 yards, nabbing a quick 7-0 lead. Jarard Milo intercepts the first pass by Iowa State. K-State drives to the 29, setting up a 46-yard field goal attempt by Anthony Cantele, which he is unable to hit.

Iowa State goes for it on a fourth-and-9 but fails the conversion, turning the ball over on downs midway through the first quarter. The teams trade possessions until Iowa State gets on the board with a 9-yard touchdown pass to running back James White, but an unsuccessful extra point allows K-State to maintain a 7-6 lead. K-State quarterback Collin Klein finds running back

Angelo Pease with a 6-yard touchdown strike with 14 seconds remaining in the quarter, putting K-State up 14-6.

### 2nd Quarter

Iowa State bounces back with a 9-yard touchdown hauled in by Chris Young and pulls within two points of K-State after an unsuccessful two-point conversion. Pease finds the end zone again for the Wildcats with a 4-yard run to give K-State a 21-12 lead. After a missed field goal, K-State works the clock and drives the ball in with a 6-yard touchdown scamper by Pease, who has his third touchdown, second on the ground, giving the Wildcats a 28-12 lead at the half.

### 3rd Quarter

The two teams trade possessions until Iowa State's White torches the Wildcat defense with a 57-yard touchdown run, cutting the deficit to 28-19. Pease adds on yet another score on the ground, and a two-point conversion stretches the lead to 17. Two Demarcus Robinson touchdowns gives K-State a commanding 50-19 lead entering the fourth quarter.

### 4th Quarter

The two teams trade touchdowns, putting the Wildcats up 57-26 late in the game. White finds the end zone for Iowa State with a 12-yard run. Cantele answers with a Wildcat field goal, and Klein hits Chris Harper

from 5 yards out, giving K-State a 67-33 lead. The clock runs out on the Cyclones as K-State dominates the matchup of the two top-25 teams by a final score of 67-33.

### Player of the Game

K-State quarterback Collin Klein – Klein picked on the Cyclone's secondary, completing 28 of 43 passes with four touchdowns and zero interceptions.

### Play of the Game

Tramaine Thompson hauling in a 36-yard strike from Klein, setting the pace on K-State's first offensive possession.

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